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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ilan Shamir, et al.

Application No.: 09/583,337

Filed: May 31, 2000

For: "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
PERSONALIZING INTERNET BROWSING AND  
MANAGING COLLABORATIVE BROWSING  
EXPERIENCES"

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) Examiner: Nguyen, Quang N.  
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Sir:

Applicants submit the following in response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003.

In the Office Action, the claims were divided into two groups: Group I (claims 1-13) and Group II (claims 14-25). The Office Action asserts that Group I claims are drawn to a method and system for providing collaborative browsing of a communications network and that Group II Claims are drawn to a method and system for allowing a group of users interactively to tour a computer network. Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-13) with traverse.

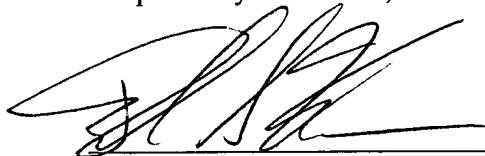
The Office Action sets forth reasons why the Examiner believes that the claim groups are distinct, and therefore, require restriction. Applicants assert that the restriction requirement fails

to provide sufficient basis to indicate that examination of both groups would overly burden the Examiner. The Office Action states that both Group I and Group II claims would be classified in class 709; however, Group I claims would be subclass 205 whereas Group II claims would be subclass 209. Applicants assert that the provided rationale does not appear to rise to the level of overly burdensome. Applicants, therefore, request joinder and examination of all of the claims.

Favorable consideration of claims 1-13 and 14-25 is earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact by telephone if such contact would assist in advancing this case.

No fees are believed due; however, the commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2724, Ref. No. 061143-605010.

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